

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/086,402	LEFEBVRE ET AL.
	Examiner Kimbinh T. Nguyen	Art Unit 2671

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to appeal brief filed 02/14/05.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-23.
3. The drawings filed on 28 February 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to appeal brief filed 02/14/05.
2. Claims 1-23 are pending in the application.

Reasons for Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 1, the prior art does not teach assigning a first screen portion to a first rendering node; assigning a second screen portion to a second rendering node; rendering, by the first rendering node, a left image portion from the three-dimensional data; rendering, by the second rendering node, a right image portion from the 3D data; and assembling the left image portion and the right image portion into the composite image.

Claim 6, the prior art does not teach a memory module maintaining a stereo transform application executable by the processing element, the stereo transform application operable to receive 3D data defining a non-stereo image, process the three-dimensional data and provide output of at least one of a left channel image and a right channel image of a composite image comprised of the left channel image and the right channel image.

Claim 13, the prior art does not teach a first and second rendering node each comprising a first and second processing element and a first and second memory module maintaining a respective instance of a stereo transform application executable by the first and second processing element performs a transform on the three-dimensional non-stereo image and output at least one of a left channel image and a

right channel image; and a compositor node receives a first data and a second data from the first and second rendering nodes, the first data stream comprising one of the left channel image and the right channel image output from the instance of the stereo transform application maintained by the first rendering node, the second data comprising one of the left channel image and the right channel image output from the stereo transform application maintained by the second rendering node, assembling the first data and the second data into a composite three-dimensional stereo image.

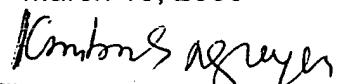
Claim 19, the prior art does not teach assigning a first screen portion to a first graphics pipeline; assigning a second screen portion to a second graphics pipeline; rendering, by the first graphics pipeline, a left image portion from the 3D data; rendering, by the second graphics pipeline, a right image portion from the 3D data; and assembling the left image portion and the right image portion into the composite image.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kimbinh T. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-7644. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Friday from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Zimmerman, can be reached at (571) 272-7653. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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